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H.B. No. 4394

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to plans by a school district or open-enrollment charter school for mitigating student learning loss due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Education Code, is amended by adding Subchapter O to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER O. PLANS FOR MITIGATING LEARNING LOSS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Sec. 29.601. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Learning loss" means any specific or general loss of knowledge and skills or reversals in academic progress.

Sec. 29.602. SCHOOL YEARS AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE.

For purposes of this subchapter, the school years affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic include:

(1) the 2020-2021 school year;

(2) the 2021-2022 school year; and

(3) the 2022-2023 school year.

Sec. 29.603. LEARNING LOSS IDENTIFICATION. Each school district and open-enrollment charter school shall identify each student enrolled in the district or school who has experienced learning loss during any school year affected by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

Sec. 29.604. PLANS FOR MITIGATING LEARNING LOSS.

1 (a) Each school district and open-enrollment charter school
2 shall develop a plan to mitigate student learning loss as a result
3 of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

4 (b) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school
5 shall make the methods included in the learning loss plan available
6 to any student identified as having experienced learning loss under
7 Section 29.603.

8 (c) A school district or an open-enrollment charter school
9 may prioritize any students that the district or school has
10 identified as most affected by the coronavirus disease pandemic.

11 Sec. 29.605 FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT PLANS TO MITIGATE LEARNING
12 LOSS. (a) The agency shall make federal funds available to school
13 districts and open-enrollment charter schools to implement the
14 plans developed under Sec. 29.604.

15 Sec. 29.606. RULES. The commissioner shall adopt necessary
16 rules to implement this subchapter.

17 Sec. 29.607. EXPIRATION. This subchapter expires September
18 1, 2025.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.